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1. AS DESCRIBED REPAIR, FUL SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED CHARACTER SINCE IT LAST SHOWED UP IN DEPARTMENT RECORDS. FRONT UNI DE LIBERATION DE LA GUINEE PORTUGUESE ET DES ILES DU CAP VERT WAS FORMED AT JULY 1961 CONGRESS IN DAKAR WHICH DREW PAIGC REPRESENTATIVES AND THOSE OF ANOTHER MAJOR LIBERATION GROUP AT THAT TIME, MOUVEMENT DE LIBERATION DE LA GUINEE ET DES ILES DU CAP VERT (MLGC), PURPOSE OF UNITED FRONT WAS TO TRANSFER ARMS WHICH PAIGC SEEMED ABLE TO PROCURE IN GUINEA TO MLGC PARTISANS IN SENEGAL'S CASAMANCE REGION. HOWEVER, IN AUGUST 1962, SENEGAL CLAMPED DOWN ON ALL NATIONALIST MILITARY PREPARATIONS ON ITS TERRITORY AND

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PAIGC AND MLGC LOST THEIR REASON FOR JOINING FORCES. FUL

WAS SOON FORGOTTEN AND BOTH GROUPS WENT THEIR OWN WAY,
MLGC INTO APPARENT OBSCURITY. WE HAVE NOTHING MORE RECENT
ON FUL.

2. AT TIME OF ABOVE INFORMATION FUL WAS DOMINATED BY CAPE
VERDIANS. CAMARA IS UNKNOWN TO DEPARTMENT AND IT SEEMS
UNLIKELY THAT HIS CLAIM TO REPRESENT ALL REBELS IN
PORTUGUESE GUINEA IS TRUE. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE INTERESTED
IN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT DEVELOPS ON CAMARA OR FUL.
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